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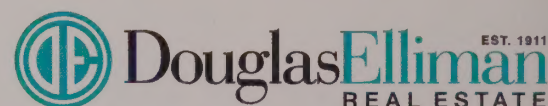
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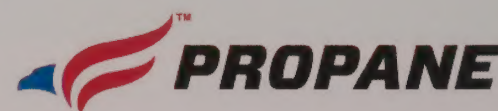
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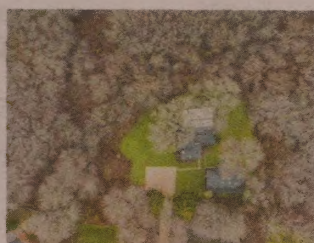
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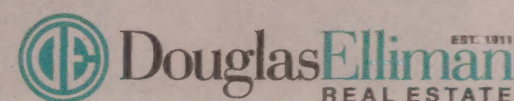
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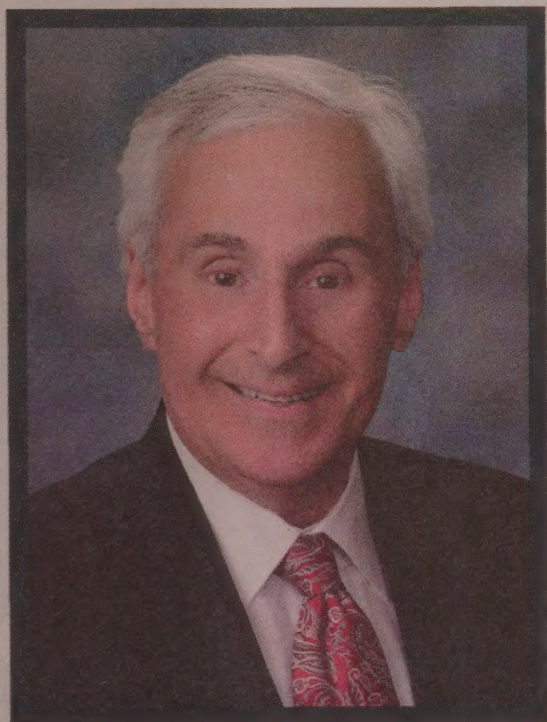
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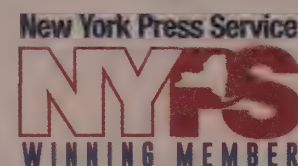
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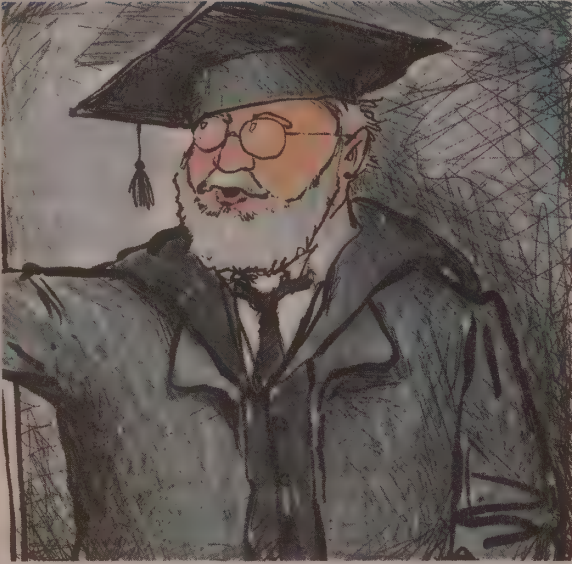


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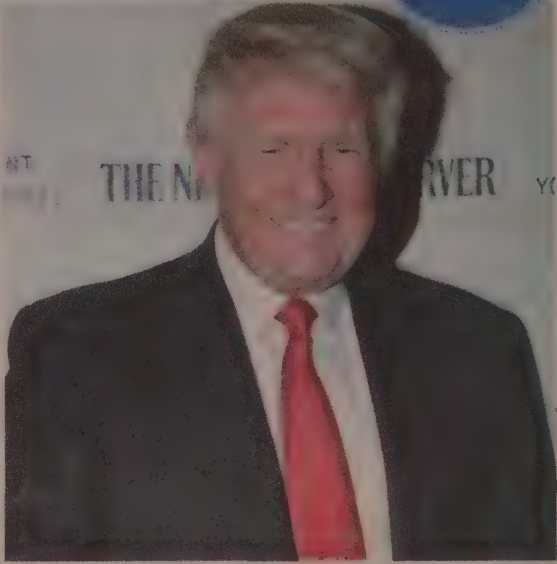
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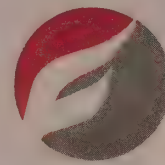
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The Jazz Loft
275 Christian Avenue, Stony Brook
631-751-1895, thejazzloft.org



THE MOODY BLUES' JOHN LODGE FEBRUARY 14, 7:30 P.M.

Treat your Valentine to an electrifying concert featuring one of rock music's greatest bass players, John Lodge of The Moody Blues. The singer-songwriter was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame alongside his fellow band mates in 2018, commemorating five decades of hit music and more than 70 million albums sold. The bar and restaurant open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65.

Suffolk Theater
118 East Main Street, Riverhead
631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com



NATIONAL CIRCUS PROJECT PERFORMANCE FEBRUARY 15, 6 P.M.

The whole family will have a ball at this interactive performance featuring circus arts from around the world, including juggling, unicycling, balancing and object manipulations. Audience participation is a major part of the fun, and guests can stick around after the show for some introductory circus training. Free with museum admission, but advance registration is required.

Parrish Art Museum
279 Montauk Highway Water Mill
631-283-2118, parrishart.org



ALL STAR COMEDY FEBRUARY 15, 8 P.M.

Presented in partnership with—and hosted by—comedian Joseph Vecsey of Optimum's *UnMovers*, this hilarious comedy night is the perfect gift for that special someone who loves to laugh. The show features top comedians Casey Balsham (*Gotham Comedy Live*), Ken Krantz (Sirius XM) and Marc Theobald (*The Last O.G.*). Tickets are \$30.

Bay Street Theater
1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor
631-725-9500, baystreet.org



NORTHWEST HARDCRABBLE LOOP HIKE FEBRUARY 16, 10 A.M.

Join Eva Moore of the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society for an exhilarating two-mile walk through a beautiful, mostly flat forest trail. Newly refurbished by Eagle Scouts, this section of the Hardscrabble trail features a mix of oak and pitch pine trees plus a few stands of mountain laurel. Call ahead if weather is poor. This event is free.

Hardscrabble Trail
End of Plank Road, Wainscott
631-681-4774, ehts.org



HIFF OSCAR SHORTS FEBRUARY 16-17, TIMES VARY

This is your chance to see the incredible short films nominated to win Academy Awards on February 24. Throughout the weekend, the Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) and Guild Hall will screen the films by genre, totaling two hours runtime each. Tickets to each genre—live action, animation, documentary A, documentary B—are \$15.

Guild Hall
158 Main Street, East Hampton
631-324-4050, guildhall.org

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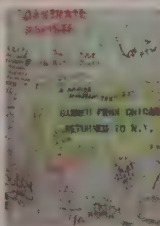
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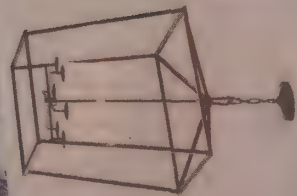
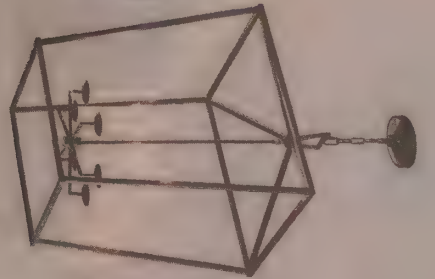


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SOUTH O' THE HIGHWAY

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Water Mill resident **Jennifer Lopez** had the crowd on its feet at the 2019 Grammy Awards last Sunday. Joined by **Alicia Keys**, **Ne-Yo** and **Smokey Robinson**, Lopez honored Motown Records by singing some of the label's biggest hits, including "Dancing in the Street," "Do You Love Me," and "The Best Things in Life Are Free."

South Fork supermodel **Christie Brinkley** took her first runway walk with daughter **Sailor** during New York Fashion Week. The pair participated in **Elie Tahari's** show celebrating his 45th anniversary. After thanking Tahari, Brinkley addressed her daughter: "Sailor, may this be the start of an amazing adventure...it was a joy to share the runway with you!"

Artist **Mike Stanko** again lends his paintbrush to the *Dan's Papers* cover this week, with "Torpedo." "What kid, or grownup, doesn't like sledding down a hill?" Stanko asks when discussing the piece. "Growing up on Long Island we found many places to sled. 'Dead Man's Curve' off of the Southern State Parkway was the best for me... and, of course, any of the golf courses here on the island were prime spots for sledding in winter!" See more of Stanko's work at stankoart.com.

Guild Hall has announced the recipients of the 34th Academy of the Arts Achievement Awards: Amagansett's **Carter Burwell** for Performing Arts, presented by **Ethan Coen**; **Alice Aycock** for Visual Arts, presented by **Adam Weinberg**; East Hampton's **Bob Colacello** for Literary Arts, presented by **Linda Yablonsky**; and **Patti Askwith Kenner** for the Special Award for Leadership and Philanthropy, presented by **Tovah Feldshuh**. North Haven's **Eric Fischl** will host, **Adam Green** will emcee on March 11.

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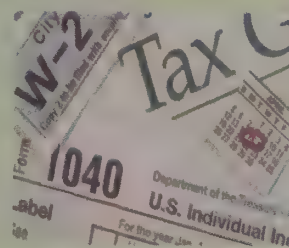
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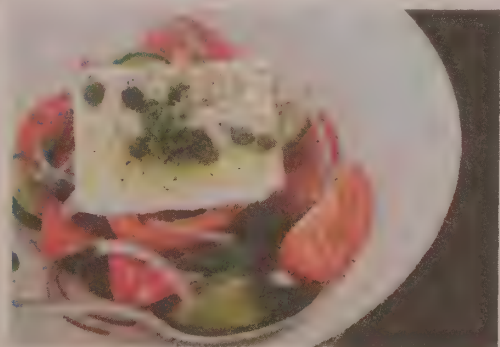


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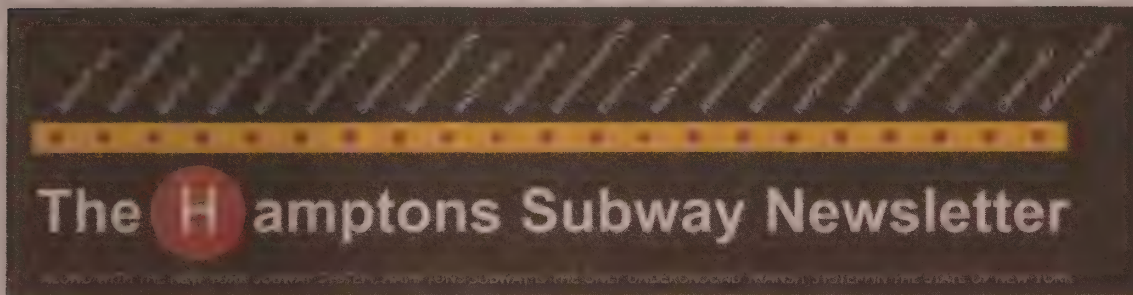
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BY DAN RATTINER

Week of February 14–20, 2019

Riders this past week: 33,412

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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Ralph Lauren and Paris Hilton were seen chatting together Tuesday on the Southampton eastbound platform. Howard Stern, talking to himself, was seen on the subway heading from Quogue to Westhampton Beach on Saturday morning. Marisa Tomei and Julianne Moore were discussing politics quietly and without incident on the Hamptons Subway on Monday afternoon going west between Amagansett and East Hampton.

CHIPS

Hamptons Subway is now offering computer chips that can be affixed by Band-Aid to the ankle of anyone who cares to do that. The chip sends a message back to our central station showing your whereabouts on the subway system as a blinking blue dot. We think this might be useful to keep yourself from getting lost while using the

subway. This would be particularly helpful to people new to the area. All you'd need do is use your cell phone to send a text to the Hamptons Subway management team requesting a phone call that would inform you of where you are. The chip automatically turns itself off when you leave the system and glide up to street level aboard our escalators, although sometimes it doesn't do that and we are working on why that happens. The chip can also be affixed to pets. Pets are allowed on the subway in proper carriers, but sometimes they escape. This happened with a snake last week and it would have been found sooner if it had been wearing the chip. Chips are free of charge.

FROGS

In answer to one rider's question, no, frogs are not pets. They have to be kept in jars to ride the subway, jars with little holes in the lid. Someone said they have a frog that weighs 19 pounds. Still not a pet.

BUSTS OF THE PRESIDENTS

Hamptons Subway has partnered with Hangsu Shanghi, the Chinese company that makes rubber images of all the American presidents, and we

are giving one bust to every person who comes through the turnstiles on President's Day. Last year when we did this, we allowed riders coming through the turnstiles to pick the President they wanted, but searching through the big black plastic bags for a bust of President Warren G. Harding at that time created long delays there in Southampton at the morning rush hour, and it did get nasty. So this year, you get what you're given. Maybe if you go in and out often enough on President's Day this year you will eventually get a Warren G. Harding. Or get them all. This year, the value of each bust is nearly double what it was last year because of the new tariff on Chinese goods, so you'll get much more if you go to sell on eBay.

CARRY POLICY

Guns are not permitted to be carried on any Hamptons Subway. If you come from a town in the Hamptons that allows guns and you show up with one, we will hold it for you safely inside our ticket booths until you return. We have a special rack for them, like a coat rack.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

We had numerous people coming up or down the subway stairs to the street who slipped on the ice during these recent cold weather spells. You will see on the back of your swipe card in very tiny print the declaration that by swiping this card, you agree that Hamptons Subway is not to be responsible for such slippages. What we will do, however, is give a free \$50 swipe card to anyone who can show us a bruise that resulted from such an encounter. 🐾

Police BLOTTER

COMPILED BY DANIEL KOONTZ

STATE THREATENS TO CUT OFF REVENUE STREAM

A state-level proposal to prohibit the release of arrest records and mug shots is causing serious concern within the Hamptons Police Department. According to accounting disclosed on Thursday, the department has a long-standing practice of using its arrest records and mug shots to generate revenue. While this practice is controversial, the department defends it as financially expedient.

"We have found that people will pay significant sums of money to prevent the release of their arrest records and mug shots," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "The money that

they pay to keep themselves out of the newspaper and off the internet has been a very healthy funding stream for us."

According to Hirsch, many of those who get arrested, even if they are later exonerated, are happy to continue to pay the department a monthly "maintenance fee." "Look, right now there's no shelf life on these assets," explains Hirsch. "They're pure gold, and our robust financial health depends on our ability to realize a return on the investment they represent. If we're not allowed to release them, however—boom, there goes that money."

Hirsch says that among the projects that would be jeopardized if this funding stream were cut off would be the recently announced five-story, state-of-the-art impound parking facility proposed for the grassy wetlands of Napeague. Also at risk would be the expansion planned for the Hamptons Police Officer Rec Center on the dunes overlooking the ocean in Montauk. "We've already got a scale model for a new kitchen/bar area in there," says Hirsch. "It's going to be so beautiful. This is Chief's baby, and he's not going to be happy if we're forced to scale it back."

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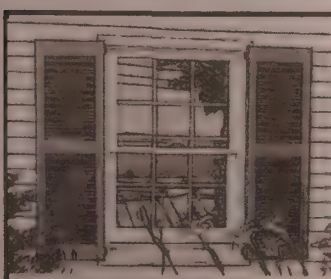
A Noyac couple admitted to Hamptons Police officers last Wednesday that they failed to watch either the Super Bowl or the State of the Union. They were both processed and issued an appearance ticket.

"This seems to have been a genuine lack of understanding," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "Either they weren't aware that these compulsory viewing events were taking place when they were—as hard as that may be for us to believe—or they were unaware that they had no choice but to watch them."

Police were acting on a tip when they questioned the couple last Wednesday about what they had watched on TV on the prior evening and the previous Sunday. The couple answered that they had watched old episodes of *Friends* on Sunday and on Tuesday had chosen to read instead.

"They didn't know any better," says Hirsch. He expects the judge to hand down the minimum punishment. 🐾

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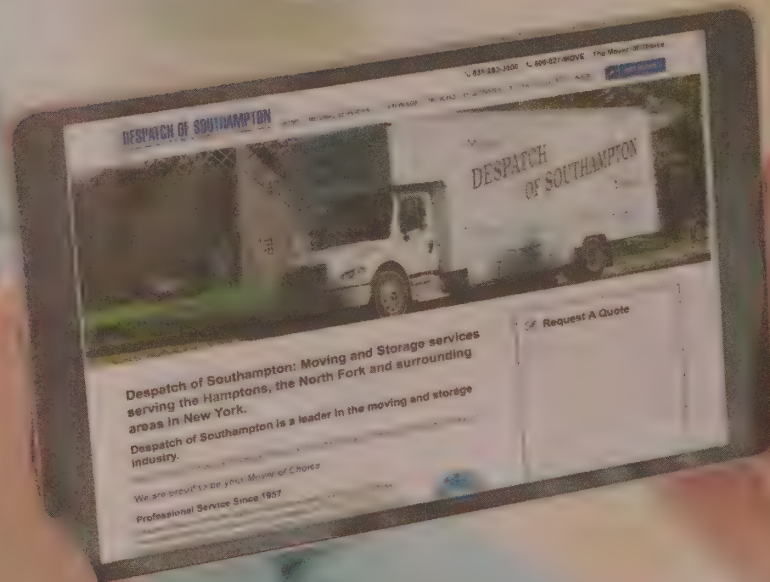
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Douglas Elliman Real Estate Sag Harbor Office Grand Opening

On Wednesday, February 6, Douglas Elliman Real Estate celebrated the grand opening of its new location at 138 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Photographs by Barbara Lassen



1. Melody Newberry, Richard Kudlak
2. Harold Street
3. Tim Morabito, Enzo Morabito
4. Tom O'Leary, Chris Furchert, Greg Geuer
5. Barbara Mattson, Zuzana Pace
6. Melody Newberry, Michael Daly, Tyler Allen
7. Kyle Rosko, Eileen O'Neill

"Takeover!" at Southampton Arts Center

The opening reception was held on Saturday, February 9 for "Takeover!" at Southampton Arts Center (SAC), which is in the midst of this "pop-up studio" event—nine East End artists showcase completed pieces and develop new work in an open setting. Photographs by Barbara Lassen

1. Katy Casey, Town of Southampton Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Ruben Schneiderman, Jolie Parcher
2. Andrea Grover, Executive Director of Guild Hall, Amy Kirwin Curator of the exhibition and Artistic Director at SAC, Alicia G. Longwell Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman Chief Curator,

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BY DAN RATTINER

All summer, we see the summer people jogging along our roads and lifting weights in our gyms. Behind their hedges, they run on their treadmills in their mansions. They might play tennis or swim in their pools.

In the meantime, the local people are busy working out in ways that put food on the table and are good for the environment. They grow crops, they surf cast, catch fish from a boat, clam and enjoy the time in the sunshine. Often they talk in the Bonac dialect that their ancestors brought over from England in the 18th century. "Yes, yes, bub," means they agree with you. "Finest kine" means it's the best. "Going up-street" means heading into town. Their bounty is sold in fish markets, their vegetables in the farmers markets.

So why don't summer people do something constructive instead of running around, getting nowhere? I'm talking to you.

Until now, the most helpful physical thing a summer person could do in the Hamptons was pull off the road and pick their own strawberries. There are fields for that. There's a farmer out

front under the sign that says that. It's not much work, but it's something. Years ago it was all the rage, then it kind of faded into the woodwork.

So why not, instead of working out and accomplishing nothing for anybody but your personal self, put food on the table and help the environment?

But now the Town of East Hampton allows you to farm oysters. Yes. You can be a bayman. The town is selling oyster farming licenses to first-time farmers for \$250 per individual or family (and \$150 for following years). With these licenses, they will provide you with oyster farming gear, cages, trays, brushes, oyster bag, adolescent oyster seedlings and a plot in the bay to call your own. You will be given the tiny seedlings for the summer beginning on June 22, and you will be able to grow and harvest almost all of them with the understanding that your limit will be no more than 1,000 a season, with the ability to sell 500

to the local seafood shops in town and keep the other 500, on ice, for yourself and your family.

You will need waders, an aluminum rowboat and an oyster shucking knife at your own expense. Your farm plot will be in Three Mile Harbor, Hog Creek, Accabonac and, it is expected, Napeague Harbor this summer. Further sites are being considered for Lake Montauk and Northwest Creek. I might add there are additional farms with slightly different rules available for the public at the Cedar Beach County Park in Southold and Tiana Shores in Southampton. There is also an exception for bay-front residents with docks who would like to create an oyster farm alongside the dock (these cost \$350 to start).

So why not, instead of working out and accomplishing nothing for anybody but your personal self, put food on the table and help the environment. You see, adult oysters get their nutrients by filtering sandy bay water and ingesting nitrogen, carbon and other nutrients that our waters are rich in—so rich, in fact, that they have caused deadly red tides of algae in the summertime in recent years, similar to what destroyed our oyster fishery years ago. One

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oyster can clean up to 50 gallons a day as it grows. As you know, eastern Long Island was famous for its oysters in the old days, but not anymore. The red tide saw to that. Now the oysters are being brought back to do their job, and, with a large enough fishery, the bays and harbors will be healthy and the red tides will be a thing of the past.

As a farmer, you will either wade out or row out to your site with your gear, drop the adolescent oysters in their cages by rope to the muddy bay bottom, set a buoy with your name or colors on it, then row or wade back to shore. Another way to do it is to put the oyster seed in floating cages that are connected by ropes to float partially above the surface of the water and partially below. Tending to your crop will require that every three or four weeks during the summer you will brush the cages of barnacles and debris, separate the fast-growing oysters from the slow, and generally keep an eye on how things are going. Bring the kids. Treat them to some of the words and phrases you've learned from the local Bonackers. Enjoy the sunshine. Row back in and tie up. Come home sunburned. Then in the fall, pull your cages to shore, put some of your catch in the fridge and the rest on ice until you can get it to the fish store.

To apply for a spot in the East Hampton Shellfish Education Enhancement Directive, go to the East Hampton Town Hall and ask where to sign up. On March 2, there will be a lecture and workshop at the East Hampton Shellfish Hatchery, which is at 21A Fort Pond Road in



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I think that city people may be proud, sunburned pioneers for this latest big thing. The spots are selling out. There's already a waiting list. So this is one of those things like a buildable plot of land out here, a cabana at East Hampton Main Beach, a box seat at Guild Hall or a membership in the Southampton Beach Club, all of which are rare and something to brag about—in Bonac.

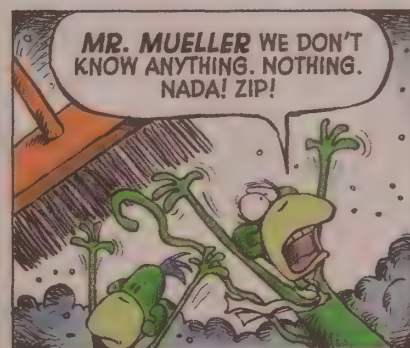
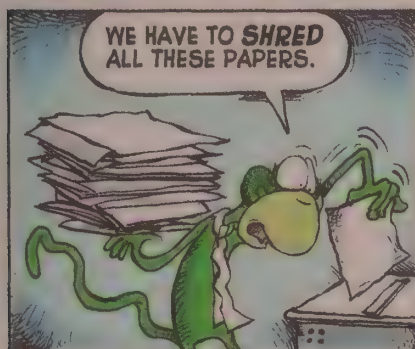
At home, serve your oysters raw with red sauce to be slurped down. Or cook them up all sorts of ways to serve your family while you look out at the clean bays and harbors that surround you. Offer them raw as an appetizer, on ice, in fancy drinks such as Oyster Shooters, or as Fried Oysters with Tartar Sauce, Creamy Oyster Bouillabaisse, Oyster Pan Roast, Oyster Stew, Oyster Bisque,

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John Howard Payne, the former owner of Home Sweet Home, the 17th century saltbox on Main Street in East Hampton, was also famous for penning that tune of the same name. Here is his recipe for Oyster Chowder, from the Town of East Hampton website.

- 1 quart oysters
- 3 cups milk
- 2 cups cream
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup thick cream
- 1 bouquet garni
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ¼ teaspoon onion juice
- 1 blade mace
- 1 tablespoon creamed butter
- 2 tablespoon parsley, minced
- 2 thyme leaves

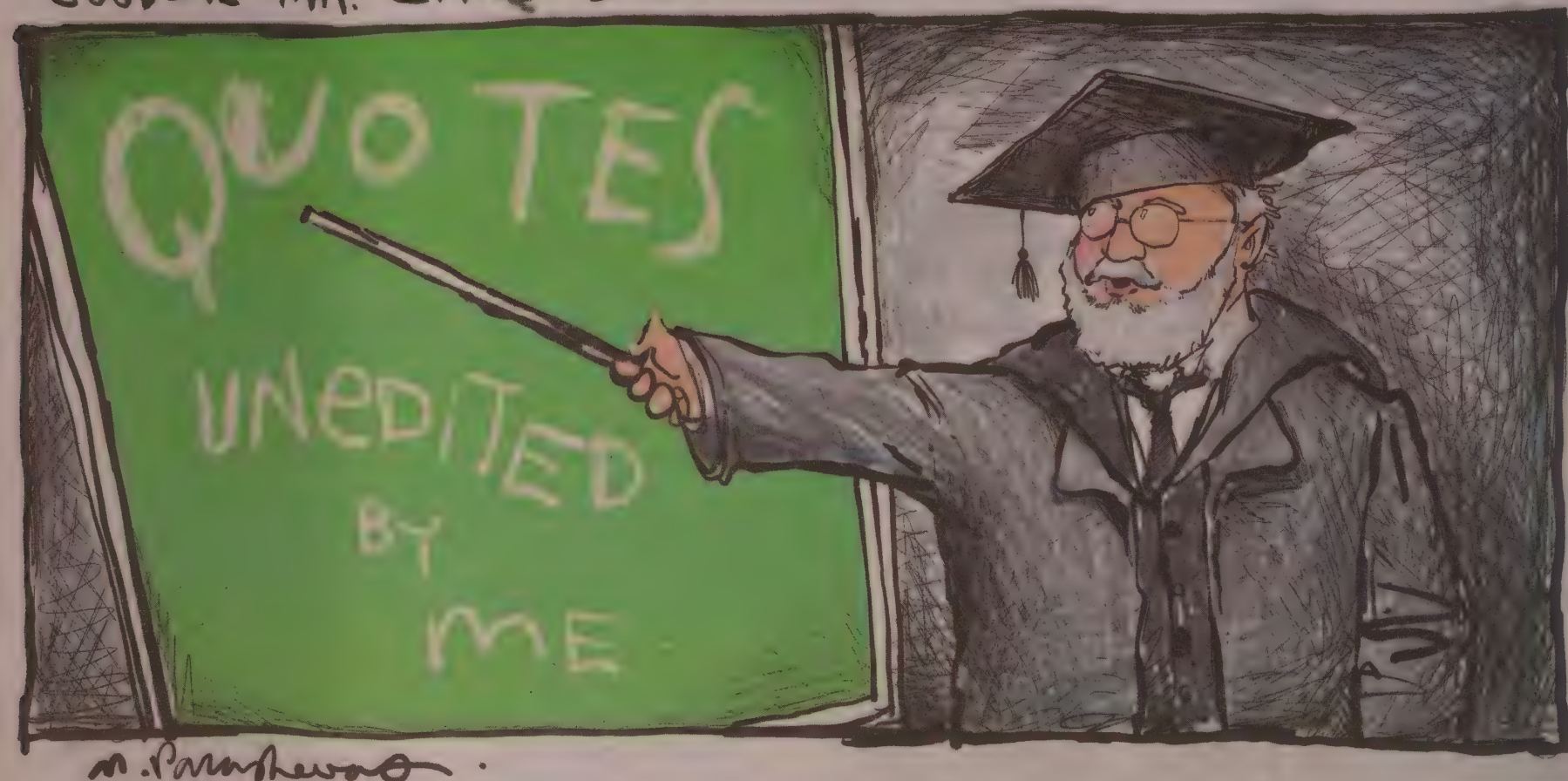
Parboil the oysters in their liquor, drain. Let liquor stand a while, then pour it slowly into a double boiler, and add the milk, thin cream, water, thick cream, the bouquet garni, thyme, clove onion juice, mace. Bring just to a boil then strain. Separate the soft parts of the oyster. Chop the hard parts and add to the liquid and bring just to the boil again. Add the soft parts of the chopped oysters just before serving, and the creamed butter and the parsley. Pour into soup plates and serve with water crackers. 🍴



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“When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary...Uh. Uh oh. It’s gone.”
—Thomas Jefferson

“Four score and seven years ago, our forefathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. I just put it down for a minute.”—Abraham Lincoln

“We have met the enemy and they are ours. Look around. It’s here somewhere.”—Captain Oliver Perry

“Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead. Uh, bridge, we have to turn back.”—Admiral David Farragut

“You may fire when you are ready, Gridley. Didn’t I just hand it to you?”—Commodore George Dewey

“That these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not

perish from the earth. Look under the backseat on the passenger side.”—Abraham Lincoln

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for...It’s floating off. Can’t believe this.”—Neil Armstrong

“Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked... It better be in this last pocket.”—Franklin D. Roosevelt

“We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender. Just call my phone with yours. You don’t?”—Winston Churchill

“For the past two weeks you have been reading about a bad break I got. Yet today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for 17 years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans. Uh, didn’t I give it to you to hold?”—Lou Gehrig

“I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be

revealed and all flesh shall see it together.... We’ll have to trace our steps.”—Martin Luther King Jr.

“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your... Just right where you’re standing, nobody move.”—John F. Kennedy

“I only regret I have but one life to give for my country. Wait. I’ll be right back. I can climb down myself.”—Nathan Hale

“A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. Just look in the other pocket...”—Abraham Lincoln

“Et tu, Brute...shit.”—Julius Caesar

“This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself... Excuse me for a minute.”—Franklin Roosevelt

“Alas, poor Yorick, I knew him...Holy crap.”—Hamlet

“Never in history have so many owed so much to so few. Just call it one more time. I’m close.”—Winston Churchill

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. Did you check the bathroom?"—*Dwight Eisenhower*

"General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall! That's not it. It has green rubber bumps on the case."—*Ronald Reagan*

"I still remember the refrain of one of the most popular barrack ballads of that day which proclaimed most proudly that 'old soldiers never die; they just fade away.' And like the old soldier of that ballad... Last time I saw it, it was in my back pocket, where it's supposed to be."—*Douglas McArthur*

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death. Hold everything."—*Patrick Henry*

"It is this fate, I solemnly assure you, that I dread for you, when the time comes that you make your reckoning, and realize that there is no longer anything that can be done. May you never find yourselves, men of Athens, in such a position. Yet in any case, it were better to die 10,000 deaths, than to do anything out of servility

toward...We have to go back. It's an order. Turn it around."—*Demosthenes*

BLACKFACE AGAIN

It's been two weeks since *The Virginian-Pilot* published a photo that showed a young man in blackface standing next to a man wearing a white-hood KKK outfit in the medical school yearbook of Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, a Democrat, from 35 years ago. After apologizing, Northam said the next day that neither of these costumed students was him. He hadn't seen this page before, nor, he said, recalled taking the photo. Republicans demanded he resign. So did Democrats. He said he would not, and so far hasn't.

Next, a college professor, Vanessa Tyson, accused Democratic Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax, who'd be next in line if Northam resigns, of sexually assaulting her 15 years ago. She's hired the same law firm as the woman who accused Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault 30 years ago. Another woman, Meridith Watson, who works with nonprofits today, subsequently accused Fairfax of raping her 19 years ago when both were at Duke. Fairfax denied the allegations. Again, Republicans demanded the Governor resign. Democrats not as much. The reason is that if both Northam and Fairfax step down, then the new Governor would be Mark Herring, the Attorney General, who is a Republican. However, Herring now says that, years ago in college, he dressed up in blackface with a friend to go to a party as Venus and Serena Williams.

Since then, other people in public office have

confessed to wearing blackface at parties and other social events when young, mostly when they were in college. Also, a number of fashion houses have withdrawn clothing that they think might be construed to be something endorsing blackface or racism. They include Gucci, which pulled a black balaclava sweater that covered the lower half of the face with a hole for a mouth, and Prada, which withdrew a monkey-like bag charm that many say suggested blackface. On the issue of race, Dolce & Gabbana, *Newsday* reported, issued a video apology in response to one of their designers making insulting remarks about Chinese runway models in a private chat. But Dolce & Gabbana nevertheless was forced to cancel a Shanghai runway show.

Governor Northam says he will use the opportunity afforded by the blackface controversy to change his agenda to focus on race. (Lieutenant Governor Fairfax is black.) His administration has been working to liberalize Virginia's partisan redistricting laws that blunt African-American voting power. He has also expanded Medicare in his state, pressed for affordable housing, small business procurement, education and income tax reform. He's landed Amazon's Southeast headquarters.

But the pressure is on him to resign because of that yearbook photo. Perhaps Northam and Fairfax's only way out is to announce that while Governor, or Lt. Governor, they will run for President and/or make themselves available for the Supreme Court—following in the footsteps of Trump, Kavanaugh and Clarence Thomas, all similarly accused but still standing.

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Donald vs. Teddy

A Reader Thinks Trump Compares to Teddy Roosevelt, a Local Hero



BY DAN RATTINER

What follows is an editorial submitted by a reader. I thought it worth running, even though I don't agree with it. My response follows.

DONALD TRUMP AND TEDDY ROOSEVELT

by Sidney Baumgarten

I am sure that if Charles Krauthammer were still among us, he would, by now, have compared Teddy Roosevelt ("TR") and Donald Trump ("The Donald").

Please forgive me. I am a lifelong Democrat. A few years ago, a good friend presented me with a diorama containing photos of the Rough Riders at San Juan Hill, samples of their medals, and a non-working 45-caliber revolver used by them. It came to me with an inscription that made it obvious I was an admirer of TR.

TR was, for sure, a larger-than-life character, fond of displaying a wide range of knowledge acquired as a voracious reader, Harvard graduate and accomplished classicist. His penchant for the "manly pursuits," his endearing behavior with children, and his often-bombastic quality made him a president that you either loved or hated. According to the history books, you could not have been neutral about TR.

I have pondered that such a president ended up alongside Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln on the face of Mount Rushmore. While in office,

one congressman called him "unreliable, a faker, and humbug." The editor of a Midwestern newspaper called him "the most dangerous foe of human liberty that has ever set foot on American soil." None other than Mark Twain called him "clearly insane...and the insanest upon war and its extreme glories."

TR was also not shy about calling others names: He referred to the critics of his Panama policy as a "small bunch of shrill eunuchs," tagged the President of Venezuela "an unspeakable villainous little monkey," and called a U.S. senator "a well-meaning, pin-headed, anarchistic crank."

It is disappointing that most of the TV pundits have not studied history, political science, or even a bit of classical literature one is supposed to absorb in college, if not high school. Had they done so, or chosen to do some reading now, they would emerge with a somewhat different view of "the Donald."

One of the most interesting stories of TR is how he was informed of McKinley's assassination and that he was, at that moment, the new President. He was with his family at their retreat at Mount Marcy (the highest mountain in New York state), deep in the Adirondacks. The Secret Service came from Washington by train to North Creek, then the railhead, took a stagecoach to the foot of Mount Marcy and then horseback up the mountain, where a forest ranger informed TR that he was now the President. Down he came on horseback, onto the stagecoach to North

Creek and to Washington to begin his duties as President.

For me, it was confirmation of his love of the rugged Adirondacks and that he was, indeed, the consummate outdoorsman.

The Donald, like TR, is indefatigable. He is a gracious host, certainly caring for his children, and possessed of a clear destiny for our country. You can guess how TR was pilloried for his "gunboat diplomacy," his "speak softly but carry a big stick" attitude, and his frequent "show of force" to back up his foreign policy. It was, in many ways, more provocative than the Donald's saber-rattling with Iran and North Korea.

The Donald has endured investigations, accusations, weak-kneed appointees, and downright subterfuge. He has been accused of just about every kind of misdeed one can conjure up. I don't know how anyone can run the U.S. Government, be Commander in Chief, lead our diplomacy around the world in the face of what he has undergone. And you can rest assured that I would feel no differently if the president was a Democrat.

It is also worthy of note that when TR decided to run for Governor, an affidavit surfaced that he had prepared while he was Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He admitted that he was a legal resident of the District of Columbia, and thus disqualified him as a candidate for Governor of New York. To make matters worse, he had previously declared himself to be a resident of Manhattan to avoid

some taxes at Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay. Can you imagine what MSNBC or CNN would do with that if it was Donald Trump? Impeach! Perjury! And on and on and on.

That crisis ended when the word was spread that TR has done all of that "on advice of counsel!"

On the issue of judgeships, another interesting lesson can be gleaned from TR's time. Don't for one minute believe that a "litmus" test for judges really works. TR felt totally betrayed by Taft, his Supreme Court appointee, when Taft ruled against TR's policies. Dwight Eisenhower often said his two biggest mistakes during his presidency were sitting on the Supreme Court. No matter how many years go by, and who the President may be, there is no way to foretell how any judge will rule on any single case. And so it should be!

What the last two years has revealed is either the vilest hypocrisy in modern times or the sheer ignorance of the media. There are many other historical examples, but looking back at Teddy Roosevelt and watching Donald Trump, there are stark differences and pleasant similarities.

Maybe Mount Rushmore will make room.

HERE IS MY RESPONSE...

Teddy Roosevelt, at the age of 39, spent a month at Montauk as part of the U.S. Army that had come back from Cuba having overthrown the Spanish dictators there. It was August 1898. Teddy slept in a tent amongst his Rough Riders' tents. His wife and four of his children visited him there. Wife Edith wrote laughingly to a friend later that Teddy entertained their two young sons in his tent, with the boys sleeping on his cot and he on a table. She and the daughters slept at Third House.

Teddy's manly pursuits involved wrestling, horseback riding, swimming, hiking and big-game hunting. He was a devoted husband true to his wife by all accounts. By contrast, Trump avoided the draft and has been accused of getting his father to hire a doctor to say he had bone spurs in his feet. He has been married three times, has had affairs, some with porn stars, and was, according to his first wife, Ivana, in her biography, absent when it came to raising his children.

I wonder what Trump would have said to the waiting reporters when he, as a war hero, was arriving at Montauk aboard a troop ship returning from Cuba. Down below decks, many of Teddy's men were seriously ill with yellow fever, typhoid and other tropical diseases. Teddy leaned over the railing and shouted down the following to the reporters on the dock:

"I am feeling disgracefully well...I feel positively ashamed of my appearance when I see how badly off some of my brave fellows are...Oh, but we had a bully fight."

My guess is Trump would have leaned down and talked about how he had turned things around and won the day. Amazing what I did, he'd say.

Teddy was a vigorous and beloved man. As far as anyone knows, the only people who hated him were the rich tycoons. Teddy's efforts resulted in the passing of the 16th Amendment, which permitted taxing the rich. He also was the Police Commissioner of New York City and cleaned out the entrenched corruption during his year in that office. As governor he was planning to do the same, which so terrified the state politicians that they arranged for him to be kicked upstairs.

McKinley selected him to be his running mate in the election of 1900. As Vice President, he could do no harm. Teddy became President when a mentally ill person shot McKinley on his visit to Buffalo. As for the Donald, many of the people he surrounds himself with are heading for jail. As for himself, the verdict is yet to be decided.

Both Teddy and the Donald call out their opponents as louts and criminals. Over the years, many have done that. Thomas Jefferson was famous for it. The lies he told about Hamilton are legendary.

Teddy's "speak softly but carry a big stick" diplomacy brought the United States a new respect. And I think Trump can be credited for doing the same, although with nuclear missiles on the table, it's a lot scarier.

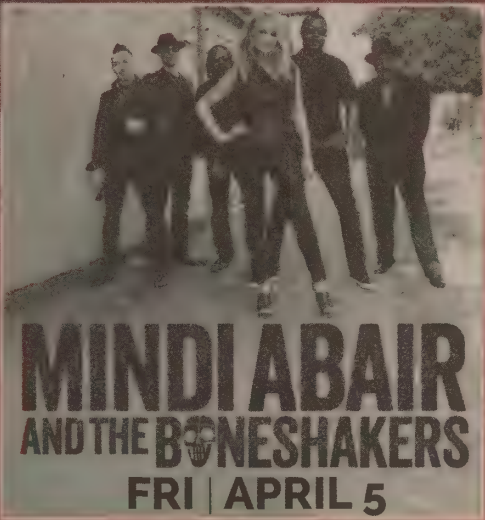
As for Trump getting his image on Mount

Rushmore, I don't think he'd allow it. Trump is not good about sharing. Better would be his image up top, bigger than the others, and with a big flashing TRUMP nested in his hair.

Trump never has said he admires Teddy Roosevelt. But he's an admirer of President Andrew Jackson. He has his picture framed on his wall. Jackson is most famous for, one morning, waking up and firing everybody in his cabinet, except one person. That was a fellow Indian fighter who Jackson had made a cabinet member. That man brought a bride into the White House who enraged the wives of the other cabinet members by sleeping with their husbands. When it was suggested by the cabinet that she be banned from official functions, Jackson fired his cabinet. "Loyalty above all" is how he explained it. 🐾

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1859

When the Locals Met with the Shinnecocks to Rearrange an Agreement



BY DAN RATTINER

In 1859, a group of Southampton businessmen and farmers formed a group called the Proprietors of the Trustees of the Common Lands of Southampton, intending to cut a deal with the Shinnecock Indians that would result in the Shinnecocks giving up a majority part of their land. These Indians, back in 1705, before the Revolution, had signed a thousand-year lease with the local white men of that era for nearly 3,500 acres of Shinnecock. This property extended from Peconic Bay on the north to Shinnecock Bay in the south. As such, as seen from another perspective, it completely blocked any attempt to build a railroad out from western Long Island to Southampton and East Hampton Towns farther east. The proprietors would have liked to buy the land to get the Shinnecocks off—many other parcels up-island were bought out for railroad rights of way—but the Shinnecocks didn't own it, they just leased it. So the proprietors put together a plan. They'd split Shinnecock.

The railroad would come through either one or the other, with the price of adjacent land skyrocketing because of the commerce a railroad always brought. Let the Shinnecocks have the one

part, in the form of an ownership deed. They'd take over the other. And the thousand-year lease would be broken. All they needed were the Shinnecock's approval and the state's blessing. And so, on a sunny day in 1859, three of their number—two ship captains and a businessman—entered the Shinnecock property looking for Indians they could sign onboard. The men sent were Captain Louis Scott, Captain Jeter Rose and Austin Rose.

At the time, there were about 100 Shinnecocks on that property. The majority of them lived on the peninsula, clamming and fishing, or working for the white men in the Village of Southampton nearby. The northern part of Shinnecock was where the Indians chopped wood, hunted and grazed their livestock. But some lived there, too.

Here was the deal. You have a lease on all the acreage, but some day you will have to give it up. What if I could arrange for you to own it instead? Not all of it, to be sure. The people I represent want the northern half of it. You keep the south, and now you'll have a deed for it, the whole peninsula. We'll have the rest. The agent showed the Indians the petition.

In several days on the tribal land, the agents

collected a total of 21 Shinnecock signatures. The proprietors felt that was enough.

"It is certainly of vital interest that this road be constructed," wrote *The Sag Harbor Express* in 1859. "With the inauguration of this road, our property will be doubled in value."

The request for this land swap, as they called it, was sent, signed by the proprietors and the 21 Shinnecocks, to Albany for approval.

Three days later, Albany received a second request. This was produced by a local lawyer who represented the Shinnecocks. It said that the first petition was illegal. Specifically, it said that several of the names were forged after the Indians said they wouldn't sign. Some Indians who signed it were deceased. At least one Shinnecock's name appeared twice. And this Shinnecock, James L. Cuffee, claimed he had not signed it either time.

The court ignored this second petition. Instead, it granted the first petition to go ahead. The Shinnecocks got the peninsula, which was 350 acres. The corporation got the rest, 3,150 acres of rolling land in northern Shinnecock. Two years later, the proprietors sold this property to railroad executives, mostly millionaires from Manhattan who wanted their railroad to go through. The price for the total was \$6,726—

about \$2 an acre—for all of the land and a right-of-way for the railroad to bring its tracks through not just to Southampton, but farther east to Bridgehampton and thence to Sag Harbor. Soon parcels adjacent to the right-of-way were selling for 10 times that amount. All that remained now were to build the tracks.

But then the Civil War started, and all these projects were put on hold.

In 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, a young Manhattan physician of means by the name of Theodore Guillard Thomas and his wife went by horse and wagon out to visit the farms and rural villages of Long Island. Their trip lasted eight days. The couple spent their first two nights in Babylon, at a rooming house, then pressed on to Quogue, Southampton, East Hampton and Montauk, finally spending a night out at the lighthouse with the keeper and his family.

During this sojourn, the couple fell in love with the simple, bucolic communities of eastern Long Island, and, after returning to Manhattan, vowed that sometime in the future they would return with some friends to hopefully establish a summer colony there. The couple had become charmed by the farmland that went down to the ocean, the single main streets with the Presbyterian churches, the blacksmith shops, feed stores and dry goods stores that marked what were essentially old New England communities. Thomas did take note of a small summer colony of well-to-do Brooklyn fishermen in Quogue when he spent the night there, but there was nothing further east.

In 1870, with the war over, the tracks were

laid and the first trains began to move out into the Hamptons. The Shinnecocks watched the trains come through, mostly on their way to the prosperous waterfront town of Sag Harbor. Often sparks from the smokestack caused brush fires, which had to be extinguished.

And then, six years later, the first summer family arrived, bought oceanfront property and built a large summer home by the sea. This family was that of the aforementioned Dr. Thomas. They are today considered the founders of the social set summer colony in the Hamptons. Soon the Thomases were inviting many of their friends to come visit. It was only three hours by train. Thomas would have his servant meet the new arrivals at the train station in a horse-drawn carriage. Luggage would go in the back. During the weekend, Dr. Thomas talked about Southampton and the healthy fresh sea air and urged his New York City friends to do what he had done—build their own home there.

Within four years, many had done just that. By 1880, there were 30 summer mansions where five years earlier there had been none. In Manhattan, Dr. Thomas and others met in a Fifth Avenue apartment to found what was then called the Southampton Village Improvement Association, to “beautify the principal streets” and “see to the removal of nuisances” so as to make Southampton even more attractive to possible future summer residents. They lined both sides of Main Street with 190 trees. The induced a dry goods merchant to clean up his yard. They put up \$25 to get a man who ran an unsightly blacksmith shop to move it to a side street. And they made it a goal to have

the community pick up after itself. “It is earnestly hoped,” they wrote in the minutes of one of their meetings, “that especial care will be taken to keep rubbish, paper, straw, old cans and all kinds of litter out of the road.”

A number of local Indians and some of the residents of the local community were happy to have the social set of Manhattan building their great mansions out in Southampton. Having them in town meant jobs and prosperity. But the summer people did want the place neatened up.

During the next 15 years, Dr. Thomas and the others saw to the creation of just about all the major downtown Southampton institutions we have today: St. Andrews Dune Church, the Shinnecock Golf Club, the Meadow Club, the Southampton Beach Club, the Southampton Arts Center (formerly the Parrish Art Museum) and much else. They built their mansions not only down on the ocean but on all sides of Village Pond, which they renamed Lake Agawam, letting it be known they considered it private, their summer centerpiece. They would take care of it and attend to it without interference. “Not a weed or leaf that floats on its surface escapes our notice the new president of the Southampton Village Association, Salon Wales, told the membership at one meeting. “We should watch it as we would a precious jewel.”

Thus did Southampton and the newly named Long Island Rail Road prosper on eastern Long Island. As for the Shinnecocks, even today, they feel their land was taken from them. Perhaps it was. 🐾

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East End Home Experts Share Wintertime Tips

Here in the heart of winter on the East End, projects abound to both keep home and hearth looking and feeling great through the season while also readying things for the hotter days just ahead. From cleaning that clutter to perfecting the plumbing to warm trends for windows and rooms, a quartet of experts come in from out of the cold to share their insights.

FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT

"Now is the time to service your boiler and furnace to prevent a winter failure—and even to consider replacement if your boiler or furnace is 20 years old. Also, drain your outdoor shower, winterize your pool house, winterize and disconnect all outside water [hose bibs], insulate pipes in your home, and antifreeze hydronic heating systems to prevent fan coils in the attic from freezing. Spring is approaching. You have been sitting inside, staring at your kitchen or your bathrooms and thinking about renovating them—well, now is the time to do it. Prepare a list as well for the upcoming projects to get the outside ready for springtime entertaining. If you're looking to install a new pool heater, outdoor shower, gas line to your barbecue or fireplace, or even do an oil-to-gas conversion, this is the time, so you can sit back and enjoy your summer in your backyard."—**Ed Maryon, Service Manager, Hardy Plumbing & Heating**

CLEARING THE CLUTTER

"When trying to de-clutter a home, most people are unsure where to begin—a typical client usually feels overwhelmed in their home or office. They don't seem to realize they need to break down tasks into small, manageable steps—one closet or one pile of

papers in an office is an accomplishment and will serve as motivation to continue. Make organizing and purging a constant project—10 to 15 minutes on a regular basis, then hours or even days once it gets out of control. Stay focused on completing one task that you have chosen to conquer, and know when to ask for help. Winter is the perfect time to tackle a de-cluttering project. You're indoors anyway, why not take advantage of it?"—**Ada Greenberg, President, idealclutter.net**

TERRIFIC TREATMENTS

"Window treatments can reduce energy loss through the windows, lower heating and cooling bills and improve home comfort, and they are also aesthetically pleasing to the eye. About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through the windows. In cooling seasons about 76% of sunlight enters the home through the windows to become heat. Most types of window treatments will result in energy savings and can give you the flexibility to choose whether to keep your window coverings open or closed. Options include shades, blinds, draperies or curtains.

During summer days, you can close draperies, and if it's an open weave—which many Hamptons and Manhattan clients use, with beautiful linen fabrics—you are still receiving direct sunlight and prevent heat gain. There are many linings, from simple cotton to heavy-duty blackout linings. They can reduce heat up to 35%, with the bonus of getting a good night's sleep.

Shades are both decorative and functional. Roller shades are usually an inexpensive way to help energy costs, and they come in a variety of styles and fabrics.

Roman shades are custom-made with a choice of fabrics that are usually made to complement a room's décor. These shades typically fit inside the window casting or just outside the frame of the window. Heavier fabrics will typically offer better thermal performance—they are most effective for aesthetics, room darkening and blocking sunlight.

Cellular shades are made of pleated materials designed to fold up accordion-like, usually at the top of the window. They contain one or more air layers in a honeycomb cross-section, which act as insulators increasing the R value and reducing the conduction of heat through the windows. In heating seasons, tightly insulated cellular shades can reduce heat loss through the windows by 40% or more, which equates to about 20% of heating energy savings. In the cooling seasons, cellular shades can reduce unwanted solar heat by about 80%, but the downside is the loss of sunlight when closed."—**Thomas and Susan Ferrara, Owners, Wondrous Window Designs, Inc.**

COLOR YOUR WORLD

"To have a different look with maximum impact, a slipcover is much less expensive than to reupholster and can give you a brand new look, just by changing the color of the fabric or adding a new pattern. Just add a couple of fun patterned pillows and everything looks fresh again! Neutrals seem to be what most clients opt for when redecorating, and soft textured fabrics help make a room transitional instead of traditional. As well as neutrals clients are always looking for shades of blue, and the color for the season this year is orange!"—**Cindy Finlay, Owner, Textile Mill End Shop**

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Allegra Dioguardi: Staging Designs That Sell Year-Round

A big part of selling your home is presentation. How to invite people in and help them to imagine living in the space can be a fine art. Successful Long Island interior designer Allegra Dioguardi, owner of Styled and Sold, offers her unique insights into this process.

HOW DO YOU STAGE AN EAST END HOME FOR SALE?

Most of the homes I stage on the East End are summer homes, not primary residences. Potential buyers are coming here for the summer lifestyle. Typically my staging will subtly reflect that. There are so many factors that influence how I choose to stage a home. They include price range, demographics, and the architectural style of the house; seasons do not enter into the equation at all. Good staging, like good design, should endure.

WHAT DESIGN ITEMS ARE POPULAR SELLERS RIGHT NOW, IN THE OFF-SEASON?

Accessories are always popular items. Buying new accessories is a cost-effective way to change up your décor. As far as design trends, I'm seeing a movement away from cool grays and toward architectural whites and warm neutrals. Also, Mid-Century Modern is trending out and being replaced with a more organic modern, which incorporates handmade, natural, sustainable, exotic pieces. The iconic white subway tile is trending out in favor of geometric and floral-patterned tile. Stone, concrete, agate, marble, copper, brass and gold accents are emerging and are very good sellers.

WHAT'S A COMMON MISTAKE HOMEOWNERS MAKE IN STAGING THEIR HOME?



SOME EXAMPLES OF THE WORK OF DESIGNER ALLEGRA DIOGUARDI



Not hiring a professional. There are a multitude of common mistakes that I see. The most frequent and detrimental one is inappropriately scaled items: furniture, rugs, art and lamps are invariably too small. I think the average person is timid with size, a professional knows how critical proper scale is. Another common mistake I see is not showing proper function. For instance, a five- or six-bedroom house with breakfast or dining area showing seating for only six. Potential buyers need to be able to see how they would live in a space. A professional stager will save their clients' money and deliver a product that sells!

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS OWNERS SHOULD BE DOING NOW TO PREP THEIR RENTAL PROPERTIES FOR THIS SEASON?

That depends on the current condition of the home. I would recommend looking at the listing photos of their competition to see what they can do to make their property outshine the others. For some of my clients

that means a complete overhaul including a fresh coat of paint and replacing worn or outdated furniture and accessories. Other times, it simply means "fluffing" what they have and adding or editing when necessary. I always recommend a professional cleaning, including windows, inside and out. Most definitely, remove all very personal items.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD HOMEOWNERS KEEP IN MIND NOW?

The "off season" on the East End is the best time to work with a designer or stager. I advise getting your home ready before the summer season is upon us. Typically, this is my slow time but not this year! The word is out. Many East Enders are going to be showing beautiful properties this year. 🏡

BY KENDRA SOMMER

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Only the Best Is on View at Nova Constellatio Gallery

The East End has an abundance of beauty: from the lighthouses along expansive seascapes to the vineyards sprinkled throughout lush landscapes and, of course, to the works of talented local artists.

One such artist is Isabelle Haran-Leonardi, winner of a dozen Dan's Papers Best of the Best (BOTB) awards between her open studio, Nova Constellatio Gallery (2018 Platinum North Fork Art Gallery), and herself (2018 Platinum East End Artist).

A longtime resident of Laurel, Haran-Leonardi painted and sold her works from a home studio for two decades, but the lack of the space needed for large paintings and the isolation from buyers led her to seek a new work space in 2012. She began her search in Greenport, the cultured hamlet she'd fallen in love with during a stint as an artist-in-residence at the Stirling Historical Society's Berger House. "It was such a nice experience," she recalls. "I really liked, very much loved Greenport. I loved the whole vibe of it!"

When Haran-Leonardi first moved her studio to Greenport, there was an abundance of galleries on Main and Front streets, and the art community was welcoming. She chose a spot on Main Street. She admits there was a steep learning curve, but between her strong client base and her husband Bill Leonardi's accounting prowess, the gallery has met with abundant success.

Often asked where the name Nova Constellatio comes from, Haran-Leonardi is used to explaining that the term is synonymous with the first coins ever struck by the United States in 1783. "When the Nova



ISABELLE HARAN-LEONARDI AT NOVA CONSTELLATIO GALLERY

Constellatio coin was made, it was the idea that in the New World—in the new country—the finer things in life should be available to everybody," she remarks. She and her husband first used the moniker for a fine art, coins and collectibles online store, and, since they already had the name incorporated, decided to use it for her first gallery.

Many of Haran-Leonardi's works draw inspiration from the expansive sky, powerful waters and quality of light found on the East End; in addition to these muses, she's recently been drawn to local wildlife, especially deer. "Everybody complains about the deer. The deer are everywhere! But I just find them really magical," she says. Other painting subjects include boats, mermaids and her daughter Kyra. Although, she's probably most well-known for her depictions

of iconic North Fork landmarks—including Orient Point Lighthouse, Long Beach Bar "Bug" Lighthouse, Raphael Vineyard and Sparkling Pointe Vineyards.

After a knee injury made plein air painting impossible for several years, Haran-Leonardi's process of recreating these landmarks gained a technological edge, beginning with a photo, then many photos. "It's funny because sometimes I'll think I've only been planning a painting for a little while, and I'll go back and realize I've been taking reference pictures of it for like 10 years," she says. Once enough photos have been taken, she imports them onto her computer and assembles the composition of the desired painting, moving and scaling images as needed. The entire process can take up to a year, but once it's done, she paints the printed result quickly. "Even detailed paintings are going to take me tops three weeks," she says.

Haran-Leonardi has been featured on the cover of *Dan's Papers* twice, first in 2015 and then in 2016, and still remembers the impact that first cover had on her. "I was so happy! I've been looking at them since I don't even remember when...so it was a big thrill to me," she said smiling, adding, "People on the North Fork knew [about the gallery], but it brought more of a South Fork clientele to me."

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Visit Nova Constellatio Gallery (419 Main Street, Greenport) when it reopens on Saturday, February 16. Check out novaconstellatiogallery.com to learn more and see examples of Haran-Leonardi's art.

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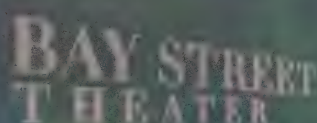
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Sang Lee Farms Wins Prestigious Organic Farming Award

Sang Lee Farms was recently honored with the Farmer of the Year Award by the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA). The Southold-based business has been operating organically since 2007, and has become a North Fork staple in the farm community. Owner Fred Lee is looking forward to another successful year of organic farming on the East End.

HOW DID IT FEEL TO WIN THE FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION (NOFA)?

It felt great. We were very surprised and pleased. I personally didn't see it coming. You don't know these things until they say, "well, we'd like to have you up at the winter conference." It was like, okay, wow, sure! It was a very pleasant surprise!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "CERTIFIED ORGANIC"?

To be certified organic you have to abide by federal organic production standards. All the state agencies, have to abide by federal standards. What it requires is a minimum of one annual inspection comprehensively; all your plants, what you're doing, how you're doing it, and then approved and verified with a physical inspection. There are requirements that if you start on a piece of land that has cultivated as a farm you must wait. It usually takes three years to get a parcel of land to be certified. We were in process for a good number of years before being certified in 2007.

WHEN DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE FARMING LIKE YOUR FAMILY?

I laugh because there were many difficult years. I



FROM LEFT: WILLIAM LEE, KAREN LEE AND FRED LEE OF SANG LEE FARMS

think in the back of my mind it was always a great thought, but there were many years where I said, "how can we continue the tradition of farming?" The other [question I get a lot] is, when did we decide to go organic, and that's when we saw our kids running and playing in the fields. Now, conventional farming is not bad. I decided there's got to be a better way, especially when the kids were young, we're growing these crops

and eating them ourselves, and I wanted the best way to do it. It took quite a few years. The markets changed so dramatically, we were almost forced to adapt to a different business model from truck farming to more direct to consumers at the retail level.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE PART OF A MULTIGENERATIONAL FARMING FAMILY?

It's been great. It wasn't my original plan. I had other cousins and family members in the farm business—it was sort of an evolution. I was in my last semester at graduate school and my father got sick and passed away, and even though I loved the farm and worked every single summer on the farm, I wanted other options and, had he lived, I might have pursued another course or career. It drew me back. One challenge led to the next, other family members dropping out or passing away, and there was a feeling that I'd like to keep it going. So that was a big factor. It's great now. My son William, our middle child, is involved in the farm now. There's healthy debate that goes on! There's a little compromise here and there. And so far, it's been worthwhile to see changes take place.

WHY FARM ON THE NORTH FORK?

Southold is, in my opinion, a very agriculture-friendly town. I moved the farm here from Brookhaven, and moving here, it almost felt like I was coming home. I went from one agricultural environment to another, and there was more neighbor support, people were more welcoming and we were growing Chinese vegetables. I felt very welcomed and everyone I spoke to was very supportive of what I was trying to achieve.

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A VIEW OF THE FARM

WHAT HAS YOUR RELATIONSHIP BEEN LIKE WITH OTHER NORTH FORK FOOD BUSINESSES?

We don't sell a whole lot to restaurants but the community as a whole is so supportive, so it's a nice environment to live and work here.

ARE THERE ANY NEW CROPS YOU'LL BE GROWING THIS SEASON?

Every year we try to change the crops to different varieties, so we're allowed to plant untreated natural seeds. We're prohibited from planting GMO seeds, but there are new varieties we'd like to try. We have different colors and market taste/flavor characteristics. Those are always on the table. Every year we try to plant something different from before. Not every crop is successful. But we are looking into different varieties.

WHAT ARE YOU SELLING FROM YOUR GREENHOUSES RIGHT NOW?

We have a limited supply of mixed greens, lettuces, arugula, scallions, some leeks, parsley, cilantro, baby bok choy and mixed baby greens. We also have a lot of storage vegetables. We have some fall cabbage, some fall squash and rutabagas that we're still selling. We also do frozen soup bases. We make our own soups, so we froze some of the tomato stock. We're selling those at the Riverhead Farmers Market and our farmstand.

HOW HAS YOUR CSA WORKED OUT?

We started our Community Supported Agriculture

on-farm pickup site in 2006. It's the best thing since sliced bread! We're selling direct and at a reduced retail price, but we receive some of the funding up front. There are some perennial crops that we're planting two and three years ahead, and to have some revenue is a big help. That's why the CSA model works; we receive funds to cover our costs. Otherwise, with the costs in the spring, we'd just go under! We're not in a heavy revenue-producing time period. To have some income during that period is so crucial. It's one of the primary factors helping us survive and be sustainable. There are many family-sized operations that have utilized it.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR ANNUAL FARMING CAMP?

Yes, the plans are in place to do a similar program. Every year we try and change some programs. We're looking forward to doing the farm camp this summer. The kids planted radishes last year. Some kids don't know what goes into producing and growing vegetables, but somehow when they plant it themselves and harvest it, somehow that tastes better to kids than if they just went to the store and bought it. The flavor of locally produced vegetables is hard to beat. 🍷

BY LEE MEYER

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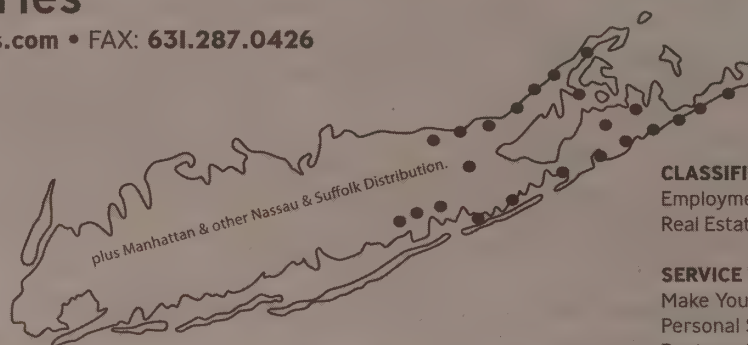
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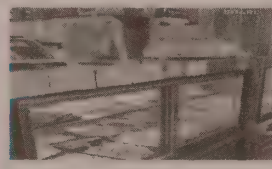
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Buying and selling real estate is both fun and frustrating. The process seems simple but takes forever. The terminology sounds familiar but is misunderstood. All too often buyers and sellers feel hoodwinked by a shyster, but that is far from what is occurring. The truth is that real estate closings are really complicated and that is why the State of New York makes it a felony for anyone other than an attorney to prepare an instrument affecting real estate for direct or indirect compensation. However, that doesn't mean that East Enders cannot understand what is happening in a real estate deal. To start, let's go through the steps in a real estate transaction...

LISTING THE PROPERTY

A Real Estate Salesperson or Associate Real Estate Broker (aka an agent) will place property on the market for sale by and through their association with a Real Estate Brokerage Firm. Initially, the agent must make disclosure about representation and the agent's conflicts of interest in the transaction (prospective or realized) and then obtain a compensation agreement, calling a listing agreement (e.g., Exclusive Right to Sell). Thereafter, the agent will market the property, hold open houses, show the property, obtain offers and then negotiate. This is where a top real estate agent makes her mark. By strategically negotiating an offer, the agent can extract concessions for their client while keeping everyone motivated to make a deal.

INSPECTIONS

After offer and acceptance, the first step is to have a licensed home inspector perform a visual inspection of the systems, components and



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structure of the property together with obtaining a wood destroying insect report. Additionally, environmental tests can be performed for oil-spills and the like.

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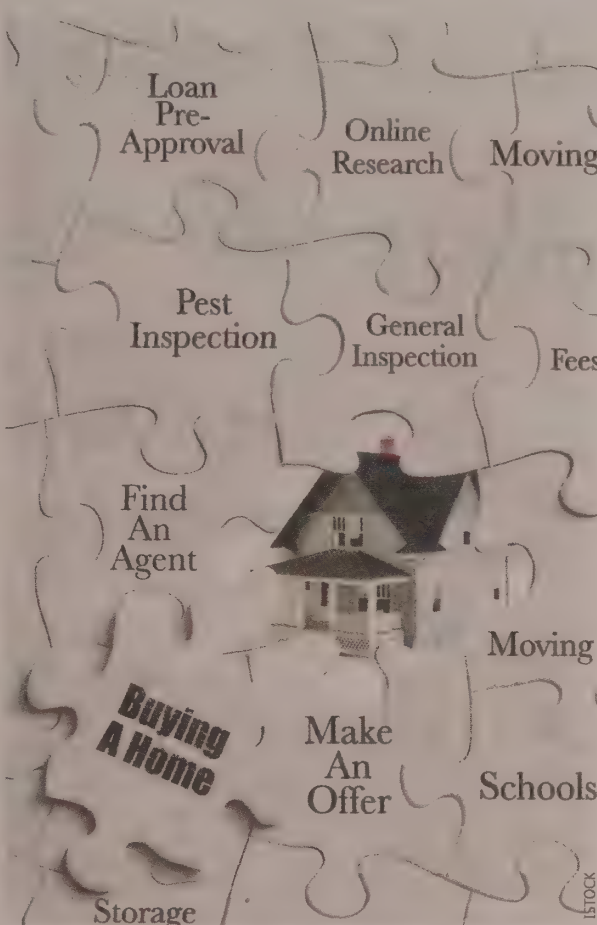
contract is initially drafted by the seller's attorney, but local custom is that the seller's attorney utilizes language in a cover letter that forces the buyer to make an offer, which is subject to acceptance by the seller. The purpose of the contract of sale is to provide for due diligence of the property's condition while affording responsibilities and rights between the parties should a condition be other than what was expected when the property was bid on for sale.

TITLE REPORT

Upon entering into the contract, the buyer's attorney will order a title report and thereafter share such report with the seller's attorney. Then, the buyer's attorney will notice the seller's attorney as to any deficiencies with respect to the property's ownership, boundary lines, legality, violations and the like (i.e., liens, encroachments, easements, taxes, permits and certificates of occupancy).

CLEARING TITLE

Upon receipt of notice from the buyer's attorney, the seller's attorney will commence clearing title issues. These issues can range greatly. They can be opening an estate of a deceased owner in order to transfer the property into an heir's name to effectuate the sale. They can be that the property needs to be legalized when open permits are discovered. Alternatively, a boundary line dispute can be realized and adverse claims to ownership may need to be quieted before the sale is consummated. There are endless possible issues that can be realized when clearing title. However, the contract will not always require the seller to fix every problem. Instead, certain times the contract will provide for a credit to the purchaser when the issue may remain or enable the purchaser to cancel the contract (i.e., exercise an exculpatory clause) and be refunded his down payment. This is where a



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CLOSING STATEMENT

The closing is not the end of the real estate transaction because we live in what is known as a Race-Notice State. What this means is that the title closer will race to the County Clerk's Office after the closing to notice the world of the transaction and the buyer's newfound ownership interest. Unfortunately, the Clerk's Office does not participate in this race and the recorded deed is often returned months later. Upon return of the deed, the parties' respective attorneys will finalize their closing statements, including a summary of all money exchanged, issues with the property accepted and resolved, and a copy of the deed. When the closing statement arrives in the mail, it should be provided to an accountant and the deal is complete.

As you can see, it's a good thing to know a little thing called the law. 🏠

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